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## A Letter to the President

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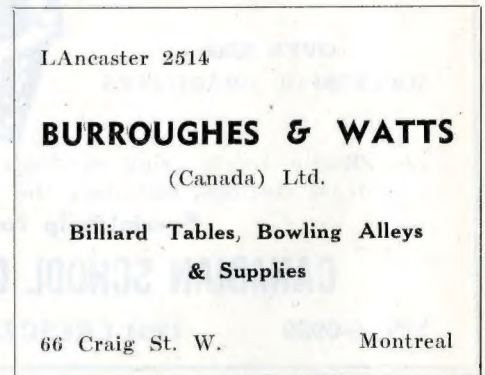
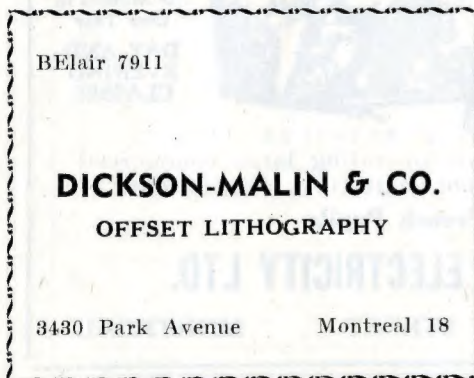
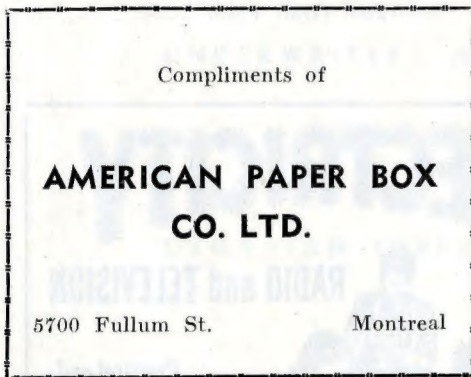
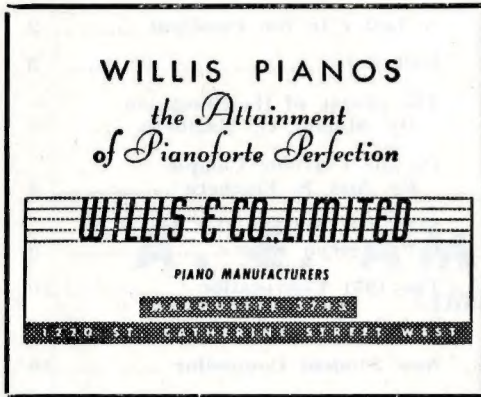
Have just received the issue of "Postgrad," and I am very favor-

ably impressed by the amount of evident organization and work that you and your society are doing. I am sure that this requires a great deal of personal effort on your part.

Incidentally, I think that a good project for the society might be the compilation of a directory of the present whereabouts and jobs of graduates.

Sincerely yours,  
Myles MacDonald  
Assistant Executive,  
Welfare Council of greater  
Winnipeg

\*Such a directory is in preparation.  
Ed.



## EDITORIAL: *Welcome, New Alumni!*

THERE was no doubt about it. It was the most successful convocation in the history of Sir George Williams College. The locale, St. Andrew's United Church, Westmount, was jammed to the roof with eager families and friends of the 255 graduates. Until a week before convocation, it looked as if last year's record graduating class of 256 would be exceeded. But exams, unfortunately, eliminated the usual quota of candidates for degrees this year, leaving the total just one under the record. The reduction of the number of veterans studying at the college had a great deal to do with it, of course, but it is indicative of the growing stature and popularity of the college that the size of the graduating class held to a remarkably steady level. Indications are that next year the 1950 record will be broken. The Association of Alumni extends a hearty welcome to all of its 255 new members.

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ALL those who had a share in the production of the last issue of The Postgrad, which appeared in April — the first issue in a year — take satisfaction in the commendation the issue received. As we told you in that blue-covered number, plans for a satisfactory alumni publication, one which would appear as regularly as possible and be the best the association is able to produce, have matured. We are now more optimistic than ever about The Postgrad's future, for it looks as if it will not be as long as we had expected before it will be placed on a sound financial basis. The editor wishes to thank the entire association executive for the splendid help received. It is a matter of great personal gratification to him that the spirit of co-operation which characterizes all association activities is never more in evidence than during the rush days which precede the deadline and afterward.

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THERE was only a fair response from alumni to the appeal in the last issue for contributions to The Georgian Grad Fund. Elsewhere in this issue is a form for your use in sending in your 1951 "grant." Please make use of it now, if you have not already done so.

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# *The Shame of the Sheepskin*

By Stanley G. Matthews, B.A., '47

**A** FEW YEARS ago, along with 106 other glistening graduates of Sir George Williams College, I marched up to the podium of the then Emmanuel United Church, shook hands with a beaming Dr. Kenneth E. Norris, proudly received a red leather folder embossed in gold and marched down again.

It was one of life's most satisfying moments. Once off the platform, I allowed the contents of the folder to be examined by a group of congratulating relatives.

I had a look at it myself. It was a legal-looking parchment officially signed by four men and attached to a magnificent gold seal.

I haven't looked at it since.

(Well, hardly ever since. I took another glance to gain inspiration for this article.)

Then I put it away in my photograph album, and there have been many long periods of time when I honestly had forgotten where it was located.

Of course, once and a while the album has been dragged out to show visiting uncles and aunts what I looked like bare on a bear rug.

But the embarrassment I underwent was a pleasure compared to the seared feeling I always got when some one exclaimed:

"And here's his graduation diploma!"

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**WE** WOULD not have thought this feeling unnatural if it had not been that one day, while reclining in a dentist's chair, my concentrated glance happened to fix itself on a row of framed documents on the wall.

How modestly they proclaimed the qualifications of the man peering into my cavities! Yet they publicly testified to the right of the man to the business, and assured me that the cement on which I should henceforth chew would most likely withstand the worst I could do with a toothpick.

My thoughts returned to my own bit of parchment, and I wondered whether unto dust it had yet returned. I remembered the many homes in which I had been where members of a previous generation had been wont to give a central place in their parlors to the display of their baccalaureates.

My curiosity aroused, I interviewed a number of college graduates and asked them why they, like myself, had a penchant for hiding their lights under bushels. Their answers varied, but they might be summarized in this form:

"Baccalaureates are so common these days that to display sheep-



skins in prominent places seems as ridiculous as framing one's first pair of long pants."

To my mind, there is something Freudian in this modern fetish of avoiding seeming superiority by never mentioning that one is a college graduate. But perhaps the attitude of the alumni has also been brought about by the prevalent "So what?" front put up by the new educational aristocracy of the self-educated.

If there is any superficial lesson in this for the college undergraduate, it is this: Always pretend that you are going to college because employers these days always ask for your list of degrees before your list of diversions.

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**T**HERE'S a subversive public opinion that if you've been to college you're just so many years behind the man who hasn't — especially if you're a graduate in arts.

But don't let the sour grapes attitude fool you. A lot of it is the spawn of jealousy, a lot of it the result of poor public relations by the colleges.

Knowing the reasons for the populace's contempt for degrees isn't enough to encourage the grad to frame his sheepskin, however --- to say nothing of writing B.A. after his name. Popularity is often achieved in spite of a college background rather than because of it.

We issue no battle cry for a fight against anti-alumnism. We're as recalcitrant as anyone when it comes to wearing our college pin in our lapel.

What we do suggest is that we use more indirect methods in supporting higher education: keep Plato and Shakespeare on our home library shelves; don't be afraid to quote from them when a literary phrase may clinch our argument; avoid slang and cliches when we know better; maintain a liberal mind.

As we are successful in doing these things, so will we enhance the people's good will toward the colleges.

We'll then be able to take our sheepskins out of the mothballs.

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# *On the Corridor Campus*

By Alec S. Fineberg, B.Com., '42

TO continue the description of extra-curricular activities of the college from where we left off last issue, it is interesting to note from "The Georgian" that a "House Committee" was set up.

To quote from the constitution: "This committee is a committee of the S.U.S. (Student Undergraduate Society) responsible to the S.U.S., set up to preserve general principles of good taste and respectable social behaviour on the college premises or wherever students are gathered and/or participating as a representative college group. This Committee will not function as a disciplinary committee but will only make recommendations to the student government concerned. If violations of the above principles occur, this committee, by at least 80% majority, will recommend disciplinary action to the student government concerned."

An item in Ben Schlesinger's "Prowling Owl" column stated that special graduate crests were to be available at the college bookstore. The crest, surrounded by a gold leaf laurel, would sell for \$8.75 plus tax, and only grads were to be eligible to buy one.

On Thursday, March 22, 1951, 45 politically-minded Georgians invaded Ottawa, and spent a day touring the Parliament Buildings, and hearing a Commons debate. They were addressed informally by Prime Minister St. Laurent, Hon. Brooke Claxton and Hon. M. J. Coldwell.

According to Bernard Tonchin's column, congratulations were due several well-known college personalities. Dean Hall became a grandfather; his new grandson was named William Henry. Prof. MacFarlane's wife presented him with a son. Mr. Manson became the father of a daughter. And Inez Taylor, secretary to Dr. Norris, is to be married on August 4th, 1951, to Malcolm Moore (B.Sc. '50).

Though there was no special Alumni issue of "The Georgian" this year, the last issue, dated March 30th, contained a page of "News from the Alumni", consisting of a short message from President Charles Nichols, and a long article by Stan Matthews describing the activities and future plans of the Alumni Association.

On the sports scene, the Georgettes' Basketball team won the City Championship by downing McGill 46-42 in a 2-game total-point series. The Georgian Juniors won the M.B.L. Championship and the Provincial crown by beating Y.M.H.A. 2 games to 1 in a 3-game series. The Juniors then faced the Ottawa Realtors in the Eastern Canadian Finals consisting of a thrilling 2-game series that saw the Collegians behind 58-47 after the first game played in Ottawa, but though they rallied to beat the Realtors by 57-50 in the second game played in Montreal, they lost the series by the close total score of 108-104.

Participants in several other sports brought fame to their Alma Mater during the college Year. Among them were swimmers, skiers, and hockey players. All in all, the college enjoyed quite a successful year athletically.



As the college year drew to a close, many awards were presented deserving Georgians. The most important award, the Gill Trophy, was presented to Herb Shannon. S.U.S. Major Award winner was Bob Hayes. Senior S.U.S. Awards were presented to Bernice Chevalier, Mary Homza and Don Ballantyne. Intermediate Awards went to Maureen Gordon, Pat McEligott, Isadore Browns, Don Cooke, Lloyd Robertson, John Wilcox and Victor Yates.

Members of "The Georgian" staff who receive newspaper awards were Max Shenker, Stuart Beattie, Herb Shannon, Don Cooke, Bob Hayes and Trevor Phillips.

Elections for the 1951-52 S.U.S. executive were very successful, as close to 75% of eligible voters exercised their franchise. Winning candidates were: President (by acclamation) Ernie Hillrich; vice-president, Vic Yates; treasurer, Isadore Browns; clubs chairman, Sidney Cutler; social chairman, Bob Pallen; athletic representative, Don Goldberg.

Elections for evening students were postponed until the beginning of the next college term.

Nancy Slayton was elected president of the Day Faculty Women's Club. Her executive will consist of Jane Hammond, Audrey Hanley, Marie Tavroges, Olive Dinsdale, and Anne Harper.

Executive positions on "The Georgian" for next year are to be filled by the following: Editor, Trevor Phillips; Managing Editor, Jack Rosen; News Editor, John Hannan; Sports Editor, Max Shenker; Feature Editor, Mavis Tavroges; Literary Editor, Saul Handeman; Business and Advertising Manager, Gunther Brinkshulte; Circulation Manager, Gilles Dube.

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# *Strangers Within Our Gates*

By Joseph Kage, B.A., '41, B.Sc., '44, M.A.

Director of Social Services, Jewish Immigrant Aid Society of Canada

CHARLES LAMB in a vigorous condemnation of a man said, "I hate that man", "Hate him?" asked a friend. "Why you don't even know him". "Of course, I don't," replied Lamb, "How could I hate him, if I knew him?"

During the past three years Canada has been enriched with thousands of immigrants who were happy to reach our shores and whom we were fortunate to receive. However, only too often we tend to forget that in the initial stages of the reception of the new Canadians, we, the old Canadians, have a far greater responsibility to the newcomer than the newcomer could be expected to have towards his adopted country. The new Canadian is a stranger in the new homeland, and to its way of life.

All immigrants are in need of some kind of help. The immigrant of today comes to Canada with a background of war, massacres, torture, death of loved ones and a complete loss of personal possessions. He may have come from war-torn Poland, Austria, Germany, Italy, Hungary, or Czechoslovakia. He has wandered from one country to another, under hardships and very trying circumstances. For more than a decade the immigrant has led a very insecure and disorganized existence. The war-time hardships apply also to the thousands of British immigrants though not to the same extent as those coming from the European Continent.

The newcomer faces the usual difficulties. European methods in certain trades vary so markedly from those of Canada that an immediate problem is created. At the same time, an immigrant must look for a place to live, a place which he can call his home. In view of the housing shortage, the difficulties which ensue are obvious. Of even greater and deeper significance are the psychological obstacles due to his traumatic experiences overseas. The immigrant requires help, especially through the initial period of adjustment, with all the fears and worries embodied in it.

## KNOW THE NEW CANADIAN

WE CANADIANS are interested in helping the immigrant to become a useful citizen. In attempting to be helpful, we should remember that a way must be found of interpreting Canada to the newcomer. Very often we are too sensitive when the newcomer breaks some unwritten laws, peculiar to our Canadian tradition. Quickly and impatiently we withdraw our friendship. We may even come to the conclusion that the immigrant cannot be assimilated and will remain a stranger. This is not true.

We must not expect people to accept instantaneously our standards, our customs and our ways. We cannot force the immigrant to become a



Canadian. The only force which we can employ is that of example and education. We older Canadians must be able to show a standard of Canadianism which is a worthy concept and example.

Our new Canadians were anxious to come to Canada and want to become part of it. This in itself implies that they are prepared to accept us, and that they believe Canada and Canadians can offer something better than that which they left behind.

## IN SEARCH OF LIFE

**I**T WOULD be a fallacy to think that the newcomer can be satisfied only with material betterment, for "man does not live by bread alone." Better food, in greater quantity, mechanized gadgets, lose their importance after a while, unless we show him ethical ideals, better habits and customs, better and saner ways of living, goodwill and willingness to share our country, in a word — democracy.

The immigrant comes here with an implicit faith in the word "Canada." As he reaches the shores of our country, "Canada," takes on an increasingly deeper meaning. In the ensuing process of assimilation, however, misunderstandings are inevitable, because the fabric of our society, our political, economic and social institutions are different from those to which the immigrant has been accustomed. We must remember that in offering to the immigrant a way of life, we ask him to surrender his own and that the process of transition and transformation is not an easy one.

There is no doubt that we must and we should ask the immigrant to give and make certain sacrifices to the new country. We must teach the immigrant to give. But in order to give he must be given, he must receive. By inviting the newcomer to our country, we are duty bound to make his acquaintance, to make him feel welcome and at home.

During the initial period of adjustment, we must lend an attentive ear, learn to listen, and understand. It is only through understanding and knowledge that we can help ourselves and help the new Canadian to become a part of our society.

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# *The 1951 Convocation*

ON June 1, 1951, the annual convocation of the Faculties of Arts, Science and Commerce of Sir George Williams College took place in St. Andrew's United Church, Westmount, Que.

Following the organ prelude, the march-in, and the National Anthem, the invocation was given by Rev. D. M. Grant.

Mr. B. W. Roberts, O.B.E., chairman of the Board of Governors, and Dr. K. E. Norris, principal, each gave short addresses. The graduation address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Ross Flemington, O.B.E., president of Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B. The Valedictory was delivered by Edward D. Busby.

A very large audience witnessed the proceedings, and among prominent guests present were several men high in the educational field throughout Canada, including Dr. P. J. Nicholson, president of St. Francis Xavier University, President Gillson of the U. of Manitoba, President Stewart of the U. of Alberta, President Jewitt of Bishops U., President Gilmour of McMaster U.; President Trueman of the U. of N.B.; and Prof. David Munro, director of the school for Teachers at Macdonald College.

Dean Hall presented the successful graduates, who received their degrees and diplomas from Dr. Norris. There were 44 recipients of diplomas as Associates in Commerce, Science, and Arts. Seventy-eight graduates received Bachelor of Commerce degrees, 83 science degrees, and 94 arts degrees.

Dr. W. P. Percival, Director of Protestant Education of the Province of Quebec, presented the Provincial High School Teacher's Diplomas to the 5 successful graduates.

Awards were presented as follows:-

C.I.L. Prize in Chemistry presented by Mr. R. Panet-Raymond to the graduating student with the highest standing in Chemistry courses — Samuel M. Berman.

Chemical Institute Prize presented by Dr. Samuel Madras, Senior Professor in the Natural Sciences Division, to the best third-year student majoring in Chemistry — Robert H. Pallan.

Psychological Association of the Province of Quebec Prize presented by Dr. J. W. Bridges for outstanding work in Psychology — Beatrice A. M. G. Wrath.

Villard Prize for proficiency in French, in memory of the late Dr. Villard, was won by Stanford M. Veira.

The Mappin Medal presented by Gordon C. Donaldson, B.A. (SGW) to the highest ranking graduating student in Science — James D. Tucker.

The Frosst Medal presented by Mr. John B. Frosst, Ph.G., President of the Corporation of S.G.W.C., to the leading Commerce graduate — Gerald N. Coe.

The Birks Medal presented by Mr. Victor M. Birks to the leading Arts graduate — Rysta Helene Tobias. Miss Tobias also won the Lt. Gov-





(Photo by Dave Stanger)

## 1951 GRAD CLASS EXECUTIVE

**B**ECAUSE they led the activities of this year's graduating class (255 members compared to last year's record 256), we have given photographic space this issue to the executive of the class. Seated are, from left: Mary Homza, secretary; Donald Ballantyne, president, and John Gardiner, treasurer. In the rear row are, in the same order: Robert Hayes, editor of the 1951 annual; Gordon McFarlane, day vice-president; Ben Schlesinger, social chairman, and Maurice Miller, evening vice-president. Don Ballantyne received the Association of Alumni Award for the outstanding commendation of his fellow graduates and the faculty at the 1951 convocation.

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ernor's Silver Medal for History, presented by Prof. Gordon O. Rothney.

The Board of Governors' Medal for Creative Expression presented by Mr. Howard I. Ross, O.B.E., C.A., Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors, for outstanding creative ability in the Fine Arts — Brian H. Taylor.

The Association of Alumni Award presented by Mr. Charles Nichols (B.Com.) for the outstanding commendation of his fellows and of the Faculty — Donald G. M. Ballantyne.

After the ceremony, the new graduates were guests at a reception in the Windsor Hotel sponsored by the Association of Alumni. A large number of new graduates and members of their families and friends attended, as well as many older graduates, who renewed old friendships.

The following night, Saturday June 2nd, 1951, the Graduation Ball took place in the Mount Royal Hotel.

## Strictly Personal

**M**ANY graduates of Sir George Williams College distinguished themselves in post-graduate studies at McGill University, winning degrees at the 1951 convocation, held May 28 in the Forum.

One of the earliest Sir George grads (a pioneer, so to speak), took a Master of Social Work degree. She was Betty (Mendelssohn) Kalmanasch, B.A. '40.

Two won Doctor of Philosophy degrees for work done in biochemistry: Claire Yates, B.Sc. '46, and Peter Ziegler, B.Sc. '44.

Four received Bachelor of Civil

Law degrees: Abraham Cohen, B.A. '50; Michael Drazner, B. Com. '48; Frank F. Hubscher, B.A. '48; and William P. Keating, B.A. '48.

Gordon Murray Clark, B.Sc. '48, was awarded a Master of Science degree for study in genetics, and Shirley E. Pope, B.A. '50 received a Bachelor of Library Science degree.

Colin L. West, B.A. '48, received a Bachelor of Divinity degree and was ordained by the Montreal and Ottawa Conference of the United Church of Canada in St. James United Church, Montreal, on June 6, 1951.

1941

Rev. J. S. (Jack) McBride, B.A. '41, minister of Ephraim Scott Memorial Presbyterian Church, Montreal, has been elected moderator of the Montreal Presbyterian Presbytery for a one-year term.

1943

Van Laphkas, B.Com. '43, and his wife, the former Yvonne Vorias, are the parents of a daughter, born March 27, 1951, at St. Mary's Hospital, Montreal.

Wilfred W. McCutcheon, B.Sc. '43 and B.A. '44, was awarded an Imperial Relations Trust Fellowship. For the last year, Mr. McCutcheon has been a graduate student in education at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., and his fellowship is tenable for one year at the University of London (England) Institute of Education.

1944

Elizabeth Merson, B.A. '44, is



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the bride of Dr. Saul Ostro. Mrs. Ostro did post-graduate work at McGill University for two years and medical social service work at the Jewish General Hospital.

1946

Fernand G. Peron, B.Sc. '46, who obtained his Master of Science degree at McGill University in 1950, was awarded a fellowship by the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society to continue study in the treatment of arthritis and kindred rheumatic diseases.

Roland Picard, B.Sc. '47, was married on April 14, to the former Josette Fleury in the Cathedral of Joliette, Que.

1948

The former Dorothy Horsey, B.A. '48, and her husband, Dr. Donald A. Anderson, are the parents

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of a daughter, Heather Joan.

Kenneth D. Campbell, B. Com. '48, representative of the Association of Alumni on the Board of Governors of Sir George Williams College, has been appointed agency secretary of the Montreal Life Insurance Company.

Sydney Shapiro, B.Com. '48, has been awarded the title of Chartered Accountant after passing the 1951

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1949

Robert N. Boyle, B.A. '49, was married on June 2 in St. Ignatius of Loyola Chapel, Montreal, to the former Audrey Gertrude Pennycook.

William N. Johnston, B.Com. '49, was married on March 31 in the Church of the Ascension of Our Lord, Westmount, Que., to the former Marguerite Marie Kingan.

Michael John McFall, B.Com. '49, was married on June 16 in St. Raphael the Archangel Church, Outremont, Que., to Dorothy Eileen Shea.

1950

Nelson F. Bain, B.Com. '50, was married on June 8 to Joyce Isabel Schofield, daughter of Mayor and Mrs. R. E. Schofield, of Town of Mount Royal, Que.

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Robert F. Berry, Stanley H. Irving and Morley E. Pinkney, all Bachelors of Arts '50, are studying for the ministry of the Church of England in Canada at McGill University's Faculty of Divinity and the Montreal Diocesan Theological College.

Arthur MacC. Powter, B.Com. '50, was married on March 31 to the former Diana Rosalie Hofmens in the presbytery of the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Montreal.

1951

Myra Crestohl, B.A. '51, daughter of Leon D. Crestohl, K.C., M.P., and Mrs. Crestohl, was married on May 24 in Adath Israel Synagogue, Montreal, to Joseph S. Kaplan, of Saint John, N.B., who received his Bachelor of Civil Law degree at the 1951 convocation of McGill University.

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THE appointment of D. D. Smith, M.A., to the position of Student Counsellor of Sir George Williams College, has been announced by Dr. K. E. Norris, principal. Mr. Smith obtained his degree of Master of Arts in Psychology from the University of Minnesota, and has been a part-time member of the staff of Sir George Williams College since that time, as a lecturer in psychology and an assistant Student Counsellor.

In this latter capacity, Mr. Smith assisted in the further development of the College's Student Placement Services, including student counseling and guidance, student placement and a corrective reading program.

Born and educated in Montreal, Mr. Smith is a graduate of the Town of Mount Royal High School and the Montreal High School. He graduated from Sir George Williams College in 1949 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, following which he took graduate studies

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at the University of Minnesota.

On the college faculty, Mr. Smith succeeds A. H. McFarlane, who has taken an industrial position.

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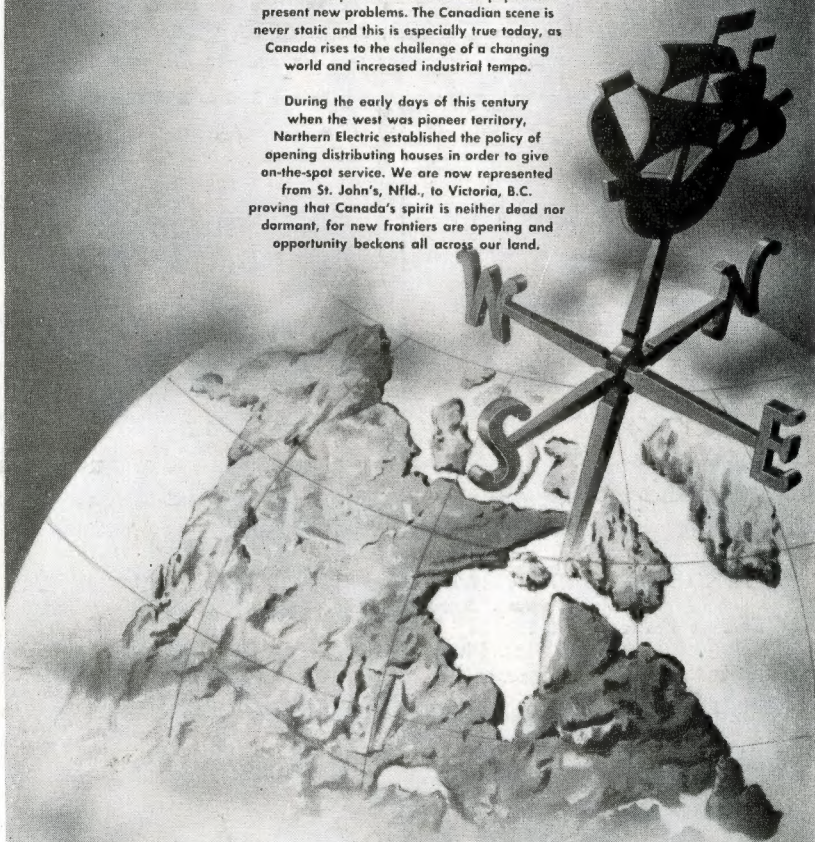
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